(*c*) whether they are aware that the existing number of rooms in the pay-wards are inadequate to meet the growing demand of the public ?

(*d*) whether they have any proposal to increase the number of pay wards in the General Hospital, the premier hospital in the metropolis ; and

(*e*) if so, when ?

Dr. S. John *(Surgeon General)* : (*a*) Seven.

(*b*) No register is maintained in the General Hospital showing the number of applicants for accommodation in the pay ward.

No. of patients admitted in 1120	...	102
Do. up to date	...	87

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government have already sanctioned the construction of an up-to date pay-ward in the General Hospital.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member the number of rooms that will be available as pay-wards in the General Hospital after the construction of the new buildings ?

Dr. S. John : Already there are seven rooms. Another 24 rooms will be built during the course of the next year.

Supply of medicines.

267. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** : Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) Whether the medicines required for the hospitals in the State for 1122 have been ordered for ;

(*b*) if so, when ;

(*c*) whether all the hospitals and dispensaries in the State have been supplied with the necessary medicines required up to the end of 1121 ; and

(*d*) whether they are not aware that many of the dispensaries in the State are not supplied with sufficient medicines?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) No. Steps are being taken for the purpose.

(*b*) in view of the answer to (a) this does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

General Hospital, Trivandrum.

268. * **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of out-patients treated in the General Hospital, Trivandrum. in 1120 ;

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[Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai]

(b) the number of in-patients treated up to Medom in 1121;

(c) the number of beds at present available in the General Hospital;

(d) the number of beds at present available in the pay-ward; and

(e) the number of beds in the newly opened maternity ward;

Dr. S. John: *(a)* 81,693.

(b) 9,408.

(c) 342 excluding the beds in the Maternity ward.

(d) 7.

(e) 6.

ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*: RESULT OF ELECTION TO THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

President: In the election of one member each to the Standing Finance Committee and the Public Accounts Committee the following members secured the largest number votes :—

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup 16

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan 15

These persons are declared elected to the respective communities.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—*(Contd.)*

DEMAND XVII AND XVIII—*(Contd.)*

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Sir, yesterday I dealt with the question of want of accommodation in the hostels especially for lady students. I would also refer to the admissions in the University Colleges. Two years back I was told that students who appeared more than twice for the School Final would not be admitted into the University Colleges. This year I find that the admission was restricted entirely by the number of marks that a student

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